

UNITED STATES SENATE

Washington, D. C.

May 2, 1966

Admiral W. F. Raborn
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C.

Dear Red:

Your good note of April 29th, it would be my privilege
to be used as a reference for Dick Helms.

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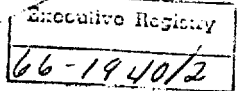
My kind regards.

Sincerely,

/s/

Stuart Symington

CLARK M. CLIFFORD



May 2, 1966

Hon. W. F. Raborn
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Red:

I thank you for your letter of April 29th with reference to Dick Helms.

I am delighted that you have nominated Dick for the 1966 Rockefeller Public Service Award for he is certainly deserving. I heartily approve of your action and will be helpful in every way I can. Please let me know if there is any specific action that you think I could appropriately take.

I am making progress and hope that we shall soon be able to have a good visit.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, followed by a horizontal dash.

Clark M. Clifford

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GORDON GRAY



May 2, 1966

W. F. Raborn, Director,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Red:

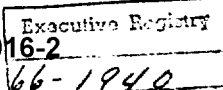
I have your letter of April 29th and I am pleased that you have given me as a reference in connection with the nomination of Dick Helms for the 1966 Rockefeller Public Service Award.

I will be glad, of course, to do anything I can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gordon Gray".

Gordon Gray



29 APR 1966

Dear Allen:

This is to let you know that I have nominated Dick Helms, the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, for the 1966 Rockefeller Public Service Award in the field of Foreign Affairs and International Operations. It was with a great deal of pride and satisfaction that I submitted Dick's name.

I have taken the liberty of citing you as a reference for the group at Princeton which will consider all of the nominations. I am sure you will appreciate the fact that we were not able to tell the complete and detailed story of Dick's accomplishments in the material we submitted to the Committee on Selection. We have offered to provide additional oral briefings if this would be helpful.

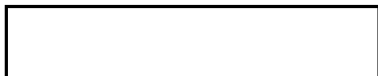
I hope that I can count on you to endorse Dick's nomination.

Sincerely,

(signed) W. F. Raborn

W. F. Raborn

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles



Same letter went to:

The Honorable John A. McCone

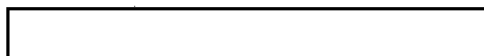
The Honorable John W. Gardner

The Honorable Stuart Symington

*The Honorable Charles E. Bohlen

The Honorable Gordon Gray

The Honorable Clark M. Clifford



RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS

Richard McGarrah Helms was born March 30, 1913, in St. Davids, Pennsylvania. He attended Carteret Academy in Orange, New Jersey; Le Rosey at Rolle, Switzerland; and the Realgymnasium in Freiburg i/Breisgau, Germany. He was graduated with a B. A. degree from Williams College in 1935, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. Helms was a staff correspondent for the United Press in Germany from 1935 to 1937, after which he went to Indianapolis, Indiana, as Retail Advertising Solicitor for the Indianapolis Times, a Scripps-Howard newspaper. In 1939 he became National Advertising Manager for that journal.

He is remembered by his classmates of Williams College as the Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook, Gulielmsonian, and also as the Editor-in-Chief of the college newspaper, The Williams Record.

While with the United Press in Europe, Mr. Helms interviewed Hitler and later his story "Hitler and Mars Incorporated" was published in the Indianapolis Times.

During the winter of 1942, he was connected with the public relations effort of the Navy Relief Society fund raising drive in New York City.

Mr. Helms was commissioned Lieutenant (jg), United States Naval Reserve, on 1 July 1942, and after attending Naval Training School, Harvard University, was assigned as Operations Officer, Headquarters, Eastern Sea Frontier. In 1943, Mr. Helms began his intelligence career. He was assigned in August of that year to the Office of Strategic Services and saw service in Washington, England, France, and Germany.

Upon discharge from the United States Naval Reserve in 1946, Mr. Helms was employed as a civilian in the Strategic Services Unit, War Department, which was the successor organization to a major part of the Office of Strategic Services. He was employed there

until the establishment of the Central Intelligence Group, to which he was transferred. He was then assigned to the Central Intelligence Agency when it was established on 18 September 1947. In August of 1952 he was appointed by General Walter Bedell Smith, then Director of Central Intelligence, as Deputy to the Deputy Director of Plans. On 17 February 1962, he was appointed Deputy Director for Plans by John A. McCone.

Mr. Helms and Julia Bretzman of Indianapolis, Indiana, were married in 1939. Their family includes one son, Dennis, who is now a student at the University of Virginia Law School.

Mr. Helms was nominated by President Johnson as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence on 14 April 1965.

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